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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>24 July 2003</u>.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL.**   2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) <u>1-8</u> is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) <u>1-8</u> is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on <u>28 August 2003</u> is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☒ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

      1.☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3)☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
    Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6)☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1.   The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that

form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2.   Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chen.

As for independent claim 1, Chen teaches an image processing system (310, col.3, line

54) for correlating still picture data with video data (col.4, lines 17-19), comprising: a

video display section (520) for reproducing and displaying the video data on a screen

(col.5, lines 41-42); a picture display section (540) for reproducing and displaying the

still picture data on the screen (col.5, line 61); a designation section for accepting an

instruction from a user to designate the still picture displayed on the screen (532 and

col.6, lines 12-13); and a correlation section for, upon the instruction entered by the user

during the reproduction of the video data, correlating the designated still picture data

with a reproduction time position in the video data (col.6, lines 12-18).

As for independent claim 2, Chen teaches an image processing system for correlating

still picture data with video data, comprising: (note the analysis of claim 1)

a registered client including a video display section for reproducing and displaying the

video data on a screen (fig.5 and col.3, line 1), *a picture display section for reproducing*

and displaying the still picture data on the screen, a designation section for accepting an

instruction from a user to designate the still picture displayed on the screen, and a

correlation section for, upon the instruction entered by the user during the reproduction

of the video data, correlating the designated still pictured at a with are production time

position in the video data (note the analysis of claim 1); and a distribution server for

holding the video data and the still picture data that are correlated with each other, and

in accordance with a request from a browsing client, providing the video data and the

still picture data (fig.3, 110 and col.4, lines 40-48).

As for dependent claim 3, Chen teaches an image processing system according to

claim 2, wherein the distribution server (110) distributes, to the browsing client,

correlation data (330) for video data and still picture data, and provides the still picture

data requested by the browsing client (col.4, lines 17-19 and 40-48).

As for independent claim 4, Chen teaches *an interface for a correlation process in*

which, in accordance with an instruction from a user entered during the reproduction of

video data, still picture data that are designated by the user is correlated with a

reproduction time position in the video data, the interface comprising: a video display

section for reproducing the video data and displaying the obtained video picture; and a

picture display section for reproducing the still picture data and the obtained still picture,

wherein the video display section and a picture display section are provided on the

same screen (note the analysis of claim 1 above).

As for independent claim 5, Chen teaches *an image processing method for correlating*

still picture data with video data, comprising the steps of: reproducing and displaying the

video data on a screen, and reproducing and displaying the still picture data on the

screen; and in accordance with an instruction entered by a user during the reproduction

of the video data to designate a still picture, correlating the corresponding still picture

data with a reproduction time position in the video data (note the analysis of claim 1

above).

As for independent claim 6, Chen teaches an image processing method for registering

still picture data in correlation with video data to a distribution server that provides the

video data and the still picture data upon the reception of a request from a browsing

client, the image processing method (col.4, lines 26-39 and col.3, line 1) comprising the

steps of: reproducing and displaying video data on a screen, and reproducing and

displaying still picture data on the screen (fig.5); correlating a corresponding still picture

data with a reproduction time position in the video data (fig.7), in accordance with an

instruction entered by a user during the reproduction of the video data to designate the

still picture (col.6, lines 12-31); and registering the video data and the still picture data

together with correlation data to the distribution server (fig.3, 110, 330).

As for dependent claim 7, Chen teaches the image processing method according to

claim 6, wherein the correlation data is a program (340, col.3, line 1) for requesting the

distribution server predetermined still picture data in accordance with the reproduction time position in video data (col.6, lines 12-18 and fig.7), in accordance with a request from a browsing client (col.3, line 1), the distribution server provides video data and the program for the browsing client, and the browsing client executes the program as the video data are reproduced (col.4, lines 32-39 and col.3, line 4), and requests the distribution server still picture data that are correlated with the reproduction time position (col.6, lines 12-31).

As for independent claim 8, Chen teaches a program that permits a computer (fig.2) to perform an image process for correlating still picture data with video data (col.3, lines 1-4), comprising: displaying a still picture on a screen (fig.5), accepting an instruction from a user to designate a still picture during the reproduction of the video data accepts (col.6, lines 12-18), and correlating the corresponding still picture data with a reproduction time position in the video data (fig.7, col.6, lines 24-29).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to

applicant's disclosure.

- Moran et al (US 6332147 B1) A system for controlling playback of

  a video using a timestream, which are depicted as thumbnails of

  the currently playing video.

- Shore et al (US 5,760,767 A) A system for showing a thumbnail

  of a video segment upon the users selection the video plays

  where at a point in the movie correlating to the users selection.

Inquires

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nicholas Augustine whose telephone number is 571-270-1056. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday: 7:30- 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Weilun Lo can be reached on 571-272-4847. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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